

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ruby Bernice Ambroz was born December 25, 1917, to John and Mary Ambroz at Winner, South Dakota, one of four children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ruby grew up in Winner and graduated from Winner High School in 1935; and,

Whereas, Ruby married Marvin R. Jorgensen on June 4, 1939, at Neligh, Nebraska, and to that union three children were born: Robert (stillborn), Rick, and Jim, who further blessed their lives with five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ruby was a typical stay-at-home mom as her children grew up, living in a number of communities in South Dakota along the Missouri River as Marvin's work with the Corps of Engineers required them to move, and his last assignment prior to retirement was Pierre, where Ruby became an active volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital and Dakota Heritage House; and,

Whereas, Ruby currently lives at Lincoln Apartments in Pierre where she enjoys calling bingo, finds herself organizing the other residents for field trips to a casino for a few hours of socializing and dropping a few nickels or pennies in a machine, or planning a dining-out experience; and,

Whereas, Ruby will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on December 29, 2007, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 29, 2007, as


RUBY JORGENSEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing Ruby a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of December the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State